

BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PROGRAM

As the State grows and mobility needs multiply, alternative forms of transportation are an important part of the overall system. Two alternative forms are bicycling and walking. Designing appropriate infrastructure and encouraging bicycling and walking, can reduce congestion on the highways and reduce pollution to the environment, improving health and quality of life. The bicycle and pedestrian program works to improve the safety and accessibility for non-motorized modes on state and local roadways. The program also offers assistance to local communities to plan and develop bicycle and pedestrian projects.

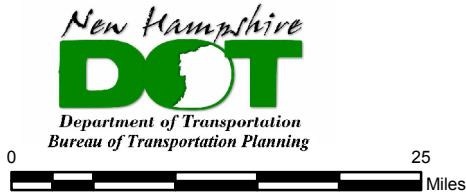
To address transportation issues as they affect bicycle and pedestrian travel, the NHDOT formed the Bicycle and Pedestrian Transportation Advisory Board (BPTAB) to discuss, evaluate, and promote issues related to pedestrian and bicycle travel. This Board comprises State agencies, the Federal Highway Administration, Regional Planning Commission representatives, and bicycle enthusiast groups, including the Granite State Wheelmen and Seacoast Area Bicycle Routes.

A Statewide steering committee has been established to help with a major revision to the state bicycle route map. This steering committee is comprised of Regional Planning Commission members, State agencies and bicycle advocates. The maps will add new features like a terrain layer and off road paths to offer even more opportunities to bicycle in the state. These new bicycle regional maps are available at the NHDOT.

The Federal Transportation Enhancement Program and the Federal Congestion Management and Air Quality Program have greatly increased the State's awareness of the value of bicycling and walking by funding improvements to the infrastructure for these alternative means of transportation. Both programs allocate federal highway funds for enhancing alternative transportation infrastructure and improving air quality, goals often involving construction specifically geared toward pedestrian or bicycle travel.

Approximately \$3 million per year is obligated for bicycle and pedestrian projects, funded through the Transportation Enhancement (TE) and Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) programs. Of this \$3 million, approximately \$2.4 million are Federal Highway Funds, \$0.1 million are State Funds, and \$0.5 million are local match (municipalities, interest groups and associations, etc.).

STATEWIDE REGIONAL BICYCLE ROUTE MAPS



Website: www.nh.gov/dot/nhbikeped

The current Statewide Regional Bicycle Route Maps were developed in May of 2002. Eight detailed maps, as shown in the highlighted tourist regions, were created based on the State's 7 tourist regions. Due to urban density the Merrimack Valley region was split into two maps. These maps can be obtained by contacting the NHDOT Bureau of Transportation Planning. They are also available on the web at the address shown above.

Legend

Great North Woods Region

White Mountain Region

Dartmouth Lake Sunapee Region

Lakes Region

Monadnock Region

Seacoast Region

Merrimack Valley Region North

Merrimack Valley Region South

